Supply of essential commodities in adequate quantity

2844. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether distribution of the essential commodities is regularly monitored by a Standing Committee in the Department of Civil Supplies;

(b) if so, which are the consumer items wherein seasonal shortages are experienced;

(c) whether it is a fact that availability of palm oil for cooking purposes is limited and it is not available at all places; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the shortage and the steps being taken by the Department of Civil Supplies to release adequate quantity of cooking oil?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such Standing Committee has been constituted in the Department of Civil Supplies

(c) and (d) Supply of imported edible oils, including Palm oil, is made to States for Public Distribution System, as a supplement to open market availability of indigenous edible oils depending on lean and flush season. It is not expected to cover the entire demand.

Rehabilitation of disabled persons

2845. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rehabilitation of disabled persons is the constitutional responsibility of Government;

(b) if so, whether a comprehensive policy has been formulated by Government for their rehabilitation with details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of disabled persons in the country, the amount allocated for them in 1986-87 and expenditure per capita, per day;

(d) the manner in which the amount is disbursed and the names of voluntary agencies receiving more than one lakh, State-wise; and

(e) whether any supervision of these bodies is carried out by Government if so, how many cases of misutilisation of funds have been found out of so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Proviso regarding rehabilitation of disabled persons is enshrined under the Article 41 of the Directive Principles of the State Policy of the Constitution of India. The responsibility for providing services to disabled is a State subject contained in list II of 7th Schedule under item 9 of the Constitution.

The State Governments have their own programmes for rehabilitation of the disabled. Government of India have also formulated programmes in the critical areas of education, vocational training and physical rehabilitation and employment of the handicapped. The main objective of all these programmes and other facilities being given to handicapped by Government of India is to inculcate self-reliance by developing their skills and enabling them to overcome the handicap and increasing the opportunities for employment and self-employment.

(c) According to a National Sample Survey done in 1981, 12 million persons were suffering from Visualimpairment, speech and hearing handicap and locomotor disabilities, and 10 per cent of all these suffered from more than one disability. The survey did not cover mental retardation. Besides the expenditure by State Governments and other agencies the amount allocated for welfare of handicapped under the Ministry of Welfare in 1986-87 is Rs. 14.05 crores. It is not possible to culcate the per capita expenditure per day as exact number of handicapped persons who are benefitted under various schemes is not available.

(d) and (e) Two statements are attached. [*See* appendix CXLI, annexure No. 125].

Facilities provided to migrants from Punjab

2846. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of shelter and other facilities which have been provided by the Ministry of Urban Development to the migrants from Punjab in Delhi; and

(b) the number of migrating families from Punjab who have so far been provided shelters and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has so far provided shelter to 1083 families who have migrated from Punjab as per the statement enclosed.

Statement

Name of the Camp	Total No. of families
1	2
NDMC, Palika Hostel, Mandir Marg, New Delhi.	42
DDA Centre (Works), Slum & JJ Wing, DDA Jawalapuri, Delhi.	77
DDA Works Centre, Slum & JJ Wing, Mangolpuri, Delhi.	252
Youth Hostel, Club Rd., Delhi.	78
DDA Transit Camp Govindpuri, New Delhi.	314
Pecra-Garhi Camp.	320
	1083

The following facilities are being extended in the above mentioned relief camps:—

1. Money for food @ Rs. 10/ per family member per day subject to the maximum Rs. 1000/- per month is given:

2. Free one room accommodation or tented accommodation with four khats and two Gaddas;

3. Free Medical facilities, drinking and electricity.

Implementation of the Mandal Commission recommendations

2847. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the resolution of the Southern States' Social Justice Conference organised by the Dravida Khazhagam on the 7th January, 1987 asking the Central Government to implement the recommendations of the Mandal Commission; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?